Benefits for flowing Narmada water to Sabarmati river

2154. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that water of Narmada river is to flow in Sabarmati river under Sardar Sarovar Narmada Nigam Project;

(b) if so, what are apparent benefits of such water grid; and

(c) in what manner Government contemplate such water grid in rest of the nation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) Sardar Sarovar Project on the Narmada is the terminal inter-state project. The Sardar Sarovar dam is under construction. During the monsoon of 2002, Sardar Sarovar Dam received heavy floods and the flood waters entered the Narmada Main Canal through the Irrigation Bye Pass Tunnel, which is under construction. The water flowed in the Narmada Main Canal was released through escapes into various enroute rivers including Sabarmati. Due to this incidental benefits like recharge of wells, etc. have occurred.

(c) In 1980 in the Ministry of Water Resources (then known as the Ministry of Irrigation) formulated a National Perspective Plan for Water Resources Development which envisages inter-linkages among Peninsular river and Himalayan rivers of transferring water from water surplus basins to water deficit areas for optimum utilisation of water resources.

PM Water Harvesting Scheme

† 2155. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI;
PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIAY:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to start "Prime Minister Water Harvesting Scheme" for construction, renovation and development of the

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.